



# City of Oroville

Where you can Live, Work & Play ... all in a day!



## SPEND TIME AT...

- Museum Row
- Centennial Plaza
- State Theatre
- Historic Downtown



- Lake Oroville
- The Feather River
- Riverbend Park
- Artists of River Town Gallery

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WINTER  
2011 — 2012

## MIDAS PROGRAM WILL MOVE THE CITY FORWARD

The **MIDAS Program**, valued at \$52.4 million, is a list of past, present and future capital investment projects to enhance the quality of life for the residents and businesses in the City of Oroville. The core of the MIDAS Program stems from public, private partnerships that will lead to millions of dollars in investments in the City of Oroville. The MIDAS Program focuses on projects that will be completed or started within the next two fiscal years (2011-2013).

During this time of economic challenges, high unemployment rates and uncertainty, the City of Oroville recognizes the importance of its role in guiding the community toward stabilization and recovery. It is the job of the City of Oroville to take part in developing and implementing responsible strategies that help the local business community weather tough times and build a strong economic foundation for long-term prosperity and quality of life in Oroville.

In tune with the Council's current economic priorities, the City's Executive staff developed a strategy that focuses on business retention, intelligent self-investment and aggressive public private partnerships. City staff takes pride in fostering and maintaining strong relationships within our local community, providing customized business outreach and ombudsman services to meet the needs of our local businesses and encouraging entrepreneurial investment. However, in these economic times we need to be more aggressive to insure Oroville's economy reaches its true potential.

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Public Works staff Jeremy Wachtel and Ron Dodd placing a MIDAS sign at the Hillview Ridge project



Look for this MIDAS sign facing Olive Highway just past Executive Way ... Watch for other MIDAS project signs!

# ALL ABOUT DOCENTS

## THE CITY OF OROVILLE NEEDS ADDITIONAL DOCENTS



**The Museum Docents** have many responsibilities including staffing the various museums. They act as tour guides and interact with visitors to insure that they have a memorable experience. They collect admission fees, staff the gift shops, update records, and assist with special projects. Docents truly are ambassadors to all who visit the City museums. They are also the life blood of making the museums work. This is a fun way to meet people, learn about Oroville's history, and network. Better yet...you get to pick the museum and name your own hours and days. Sound interesting?

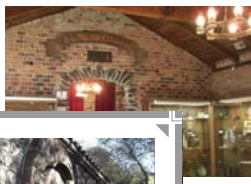
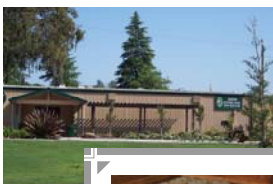
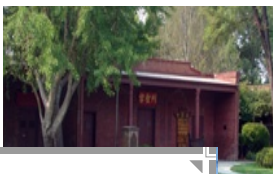
**For more information please call (530) 538-2415**

C.F. LOTT HOME AT SANK PARK...CHINESE TEMPLE & MUSEUM...  
BOLT'S ANTIQUE TOOL MUSEUM...PIONEER HISTORY MUSEUM...  
FEATHER RIVER NATURE CENTER...

*The Museum Docents were honored at a dinner held at the Centennial Cultural Center on January 29th. The Docents in 2011 logged over 7,000 hours of volunteer time with a value to the City & community of \$100,000. Thanks to these folks who generously share their time and talents!*



**City Staff** entered this years 16th annual Holiday Light Parade with a double float titled "Joyfully Jolly" that captured the **Best of Show** trophy. There were over 48 entries in this years parade which entertained several thousand people who lined the historic downtown streets. The City float made mostly of recycled and gently used decorations also featured a live band.





## BUSINESS ASSISTANCE & HOUSING

- **Loans** are available to assist those starting or improving a business in Oroville as well as business consulting services offered through the City's Enterprise Zone. To learn more about the Enterprise Zone, statistics and areas covered visit the City of Oroville website at [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org).

**Please contact the Department at (530) 538-2495 for details regarding these programs.**

- **Home Buyer Education Workshops** are now being offered for those interested in learning about the purchase process for single family homes. The workshops have many topics including budgeting, credit, local loan subsidy programs, the title and escrow process, and more.
- Make your home safe, cozy, energy efficient and up-to-date with the City's **Housing Rehabilitation Program**. Qualifying applicants can obtain a 3% simple interest loan with a flexible repayment plan.

## CITY HALL DEPARTMENT



### THE OROVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT... reminds all

residents that a smoke alarm is really your home's "best friend." A functioning smoke detector located in every bedroom, and in all common rooms, is a proven tool in saving lives. Take a few minutes to replace batteries in each device that is in your home. Most manufacture's recommend doing this twice a year. Questions? Call (530) 538-2480.



### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT...

advises that a free Pre-Application meeting is available which provides knowledgeable staff to help developers through the planning and building permit process. The meeting can help streamline the entire process. This is a "great beginning" for your project. Additional information about the permit process, as well as a Pre-Application is available on the City website [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org).

### THE PARKS & TREES DEPARTMENT ...

Accepted a donation from Berry Creek residents Pat & Jo Braunagel of a re-production statue from the Frederic Remington Art Museum entitled "Coming through the Rye" ... Pat Braunagel had been a docent at Bolt's Antique Tool Museum and also assisted in the presentation of the History in your hands series.



### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**SAYS...** Fats, Oils, & Grease aren't just bad for your arteries and waistline; they're bad for sewers, too! Here's how you can keep the city sewer system flowing:



- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease & food scraps from trays, plates, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- Stop by City Hall to pick up a useful brochure on this subject or visit the City website at [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org)

**THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...** Is in the process of having surveillance cameras installed in city parks, near city museums, and at crucial traffic areas such as the Montgomery Street Roundabout.



The state-of-the-arts system is live fed to the dispatch center for monitoring and provides another solution for protecting city assets and citizens.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ...** The second phase of the Montgomery Street—Highway 70 on ramps was recently completed with extensive landscaping on the north entrance as well as artistic salmon sculptures were installed under the bridge. (more pictures on page 4)



# ... AROUND THE CITY BLOCK ...



City of Oroville  
Incorporated 1906  
City Hall  
1735 Montgomery St.  
Oroville, Ca. 95965

**City Council Public Meetings**  
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Council Chambers

**PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION AND KEY CITY INFORMATION ON THE web at:**  
[WWW.CITYOFOROVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFOROVILLE.ORG)



**City Administrator**  
G. Harold Duffey

### Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Administration 538-2405
- Business Assistance 538-2534
- City Clerk 538-2535
- Code Enforcement 538-2435
- Community Development 538-2401
- Parks & Trees 538-2415
- Housing 538-2495
- Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
- Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480

**BUSINESS & TOURISM INFORMATION**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 538-2542  
[WWW.OROVILLECHAMBER.NET](http://WWW.OROVILLECHAMBER.NET)

City staff is the best place to go for answers to your questions regarding the City of Oroville.

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**Mayor** Linda L. Dahlmeier, **Vice Mayor** Thil Wilcox

**Council Members:** Gordon Andoe, Jack Berry,  
Cheri Bunker, David Pittman, Allen "JR" Simpson

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**Mission Statement**— The City of Oroville is dedicated to serving the public, ensuring the safety and vitality of the community, and promoting prosperity for all.

**Vision Statement**— The City of Oroville will be a vibrant and thriving Community with strong economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities, where you can live, work, and play, all in a day

**Core Values**— Integrity & Honesty, Professionalism, Respect for Others, Customer Service, Open Communication, Accountability, Teamwork, and Cooperation.

For complete details and pictures of the MIDAS Program click on the MIDAS logo.



**...from the desk of**  
**G. Harold Duffey,**  
**City Administrator**

**2012** is off to a very busy start at the City with lots of attention to the State of California edict to dissolve the Redevelopment Agencies. That decision will have far reaching impacts to the City's long term vision and plans. **On a positive note** Marshalls Department Store plans an early Spring opening for their new store in Currier Square, the Hillview Ridge Phase II apartment complex is under construction, the PEP on Robinson Street is close to starting and senior housing project on Robinson Street is close to starting and PETCO has announced plans to open a store in Oroville. The White-water Environmental study has started and by early summer it will be completed. The FORD Dealership is relocating to Oro Dam Blvd. and many other viable projects are in the pipeline as detailed in the MIDAS program information presented in this newsletter. **Your comments are always welcome!**



Dredger Bucket installed at Highway 70 & Montgomery Street landscape project ... More historic art-work on the way!

## About the City & the Oroville Region

- CITY OF OROVILLE'S POPULATION — 14,490
- AREA — APPROXIMATELY 13 SQUARE MILES
- ELEVATION— 175-750 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
- AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL— 27.34 INCHES
- GREATER OROVILLE POPULATION — 55,000+
- COUNTY SEAT — BUTTE COUNTY
- 40 SQUARE MILES OF WATER — LAKE OROVILLE AND THE AFTERBAYS
- 110 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS/EQUESTRIAN TRAILS/WALKING TRAILS
- 3 GOLF COURSES/WINERIES/OLIVE REGION/MANDARIN REGION/
- FARMERS MARKETS/MUSEUMS/NATURE CENTER/PARKS AND THE
- BEAUTIFUL FEATHER RIVER ...SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO ENJOY!

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